

**King County Board of Health
Secure Medicine Return
MINUTES**

May 17, 2013

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Chinook Building, 401 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Room 233, 2nd Floor

Sub Committee Members Present: Board of Health members David Baker, Dr. Bud Nicola, and Public Health Director Dr. David Fleming

Staff Present: Doreen Booth, Anne Burkland, Amy Eiden, Margaret Shield, Erik Sund, Roman Welyzcko, Maria Wood

Observers: Suellen Mele, Zero Waste Washington; Cliff Webster, PhRMA

Agenda Item
Introductions - Boardmember Baker chaired the Subcommittee meeting in the absence of Chair McDermott.
Minutes from the April 26, 2013 Secure Medicine Return Subcommittee were approved with no changes.
Debrief of May 16, 2013 Board of Health meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Review of public comment<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed comments from Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association (WBBA) speaker about importance of evaluating program effectiveness.• Discussed written comments from Zero Waste Washington (attached)2. Review of Board of Health member discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subcommittee member Conlin relayed to staff that he did not have any changes to bring forward (since he was unable to attend the Subcommittee meeting).• Staff will follow up with CM Lambert about her questions related to who is authorized to handle prescribed drugs, especially at nursing homes, and potential state legislation related to consultation services for individuals who are prescribed more than six medications at once.3. Suggested changes to draft Rule & Regulation<p>Staff were directed to make the following changes:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Enhance evaluation measures in the R&R in response to comments from the WBBA speaker at the May 16th hearing about importance of evaluating program effectiveness.<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Expand requirements in Sec. 9A.5. for residential surveys that must be conducted by each stewardship plan after program years one, five, and nine. In addition to assessing the percentage of residents aware of the take-back program, and the extent that residents find the program convenient, the survey must include questions addressing attitudes and knowledge about abuse and poisonings from medicines. Also require a similar survey of pharmacists and health professionals who interact with patients about medicines (i.e. doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners).And add requirement that stewardship plan(s) submit the survey questions to PHSKC for review prior to conducting the survey.b. Require PHSKC and the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) to

monitor medicine abuse and misuse trends in the county and evaluate impacts of the medicine return system as part of the annual report to the Board of Health required in Sec. 17.C.

2. Examine potential language changes to the R&R's requirement in Sec. 11 C. which currently states,

"No person or producer may impose a visible fee on consumers when covered drugs are purchased or returned."

Consider Alameda's Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance, which has the same intent but states,

"No Person or Producer may charge a specific point-of-sale fee to consumers to recoup the costs of their Product Stewardship Program, nor may they charge a specific point-of-collection fee at the time the Unwanted Products are collected from Residential

Generators or delivered for disposal."

Also add a new statement to the Findings section that indicates that the R&R does not preclude drug producers from recovering the costs of medicine take-back in their product costs for residents of the county.

3. Add enforcement provision in Section 16 to address compliance with Section 13's requirement that drug wholesalers must submit a list of producers of covered drugs. Current enforcement provisions only address drug producer compliance. Suggested by Zero Waste Washington in stakeholder comment letter.
4. Add a definition for "unincorporated community service area" which is used in Sec. 8.D.2's language on the service convenience goal, per suggestion from Zero Waste Washington in stakeholder comment letter.
5. Clarify that stewardship plans must include a description of how they considered separation and recycling of packaging, per suggestion from Zero Waste Washington in stakeholder comment letter. Subcommittee agreed to deletion of the word "voluntarily" from the following language:
 7. H. A description of how the product stewardship plan will voluntarily consider:
 1. use of existing providers of waste pharmaceutical services;
 2. separating covered drugs from packaging to the extent possible to reduce transportation and disposal costs; and
 3. recycling of drug packaging to the extent feasible.

4. Other items for discussion

Subcommittee members discussed timing for voting on the Rule & Regulation. Chair McDermott will be checking in with BOH members to get their input on readiness for June or July. Need to also consider logistics of preparing the documents in the KC Clerk's office.

Next steps:

Staff will draft language and circulate it to the Subcommittee via email during week of May 20, 2013.

Executive Session – subcommittee members and staff only
Convened at 11:02AM, adjourned at 11:20AM

Adjourn

Next meeting: June 20, 2013, 12PM – 1:30PM, King County Council Chambers, 10th Floor King County Courthouse